Encouraging Ministers, Strengthening (Work Of New Church-Minister Relations Departs

By Anne McWilliams

Dr. Perry C. Perkins began operations Nov. 1 as director of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's new Department of Church - Minister Relations. He and his wife have moved to Clinton from Greenwood, where he was pastor at First Baptist Church for 10 years. His office is on the second floor of the Baptist Building in Jackson, and Miss Mildred Tolar is his office secretary.

The Department of Church-Minister Relations is a service agency provided by the Mississip-

phase of state missions. Its purpose, according to Dr. Perkins, is to encourage ministers and strengthen churches - "to help churches and ministers find ways to perform their responsibilities in carrying out the Great Commission under the guidance of the Holy Spirit."

In his new position Dr. Perkins will assist churches and those in vocational religious work in making contacts leading toward placement. He will be glad to give information and guidance to pulpit

pi Baptist Convention Board as a committees, when asked to do so. He will be available as a per-

> Church-Minister Relations De-partment," he emphasizes, "will be to magnify the leadership of the Lord God in the lives of His churches and His ministers. Nothing will be done to infringe upon the Lordship of Jesus Christ over His churches and His ser-

"A change in leadership is a critical time in the life of a churh and in the life of a minister," continues. "It is a time to rereaffirm the leadership of the Lord God. It is the hope of this ministry that it will be an effective instrument of God's Holy Spirit in bringing together the 'gifts of men' and the needs of the chur-

As director of the department, he churches for consultation, at

the churches' request. When ask- possibly be available will be offered as requested, until the posttion is filled. Each local committee will do its own investigation and evaluation of the suitability of persons for its own chur-

Pastors and staff members, he says, will be given assistance, when requested, in changing positions as opportunity permits. The department will serve as a liaison for churches seeking a minister for any staff position (college and seminary



Montana Suit Fund

A 10-year program to provide suits for Christmas for pastors in Montana is continuing this year under the sponsorship of the Evangelism and Missions Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and coordinated through the Brotherhood Department of the board. Rev. Elmer Howell is director of the Brotherhood Department. The steering committee of the Montana Suit Fund is shown above examining a suit. W. B. Rives, right, of Church Building and Savings Association in Jackson, is chairman of the steering committee. Other members are Cooper Walton of Jackson, second from left, and Hobart Brooks of Magee, second from right. Rev. Howell is at left. The committee hopes to have its suit fund complete by Dec. 20. The donations for this annual effort are being received at the Baptist Building in Jackson as "Montana Suit Fund."

Benton Preston Heads Order Of Business Body

Midway Baptist Church in Jack son, has been elected chairman of the Committee on Order of Business for the Mississippi Baptist Convention as the committee met for organization following election by the convention.

Rev. James Keith, pastor of First Baptist Church, Laurel, was elected secretary.

"We desire to put together the

Graham Cancels Visit To World **Council Assembly**

ATLANTA (RNS) - Evangelist Billy Graham cancelled a trip to the World Council of Churches Fifth Assembly in Nairobi, Kenya on the advice of doctors.

Doctors ordered a week of complete rest, mild medication, and mild exercise for the 57 - yearold evangelist, who has been weakened by a severe intestinal infection.

Dr. Graham completed a preaching tour of the Far East and a round of meetings with Middle East leaders, including Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and former prime minister Golda

Wire service reports quoted Dr. Graham in Tel Aviv as saying the United Nations resolution calling Zionism a form of "racism" would mean "a backlash against the U.N." and would "further divide an already - divided world."

After his European recupera tion, Mr. Graham plans private meetings in Great Britain before returning to the United States before Christmas.

Rev. Benton Preston, pastor of - vention in 1976." Rev. Preston said, "and we would appreciate any helpful suggestions from across the state." He added, "We would appreciate the prayers of Mississippi Baptists in behalf of the most fitting convention program possible.'

> The first working meeting of the committee is scheduled for Jan. 8, 1976 at the Baptist Building in Jackson.

> Other members of the committee are Rev. Glenn Sullivan, pastor of Oakhurst Baptist Church, Clarksdale; Rev. Clark McMurray, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pascagoula; Dr. John Lee Taylor, pastor of First Baptist Church, Grenada; and Dr. Sarah Rouse, member of the faulty of Mississippi College in Clinton.

> Ex officio members are Dr. James Richardson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Leland, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, and Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary - treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention

Cooperative Gifts In November Are \$420,928

Cooperative Program receipts for November from Mississippi churches in the office of the treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention amounted to \$420,928. This was \$16,367 more than for the same month of 1974.

"Though the gain was not large, it is significant," said Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretarytreasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. "This year the month ended on Sunday, which would seem to make it difficult (Continued on page 2)

sonal counselor for ministers and their families. Along with these and other services, he hopes to develop a church staff salary survey. "The first business of your

nes to build up the body of

Dr. Perkins will be available to

ed to do so, he will meet with the pulpit or personnel committees to discuss procedure, ethical practices, or any special problem encountered in the calling of pastors and other church staff members. He states, "On the request of a pulpit or personnel committee, the office will provide a minimum of three names and biographical information the committee might wish, to consider for the pastorate of other staff positions they seek to fill. Additional names of persons who might

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Organization Meetings

Kitchings, Hamblin Named To Head Board Bodies

Dr. Harold Kitchings, pastor of First Baptist Church, Kosciusko, was re-elected president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; and Dr. Robert Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg Baptist

Church, Tupelo, was chairman of the board's Executive Committee as the two groups organized following their election by the Mississippi Baptist

Other officers elected by Convention Board were Gene Triggs, a layman from Yazoo City, as vice - president, and Dr. Ed Gandy, pastor of First Baptist Church, Bruce, as secretary.

ed Dr. P. A. Michel, pastor of First Baptist Church, Brookhaven, as vice-chairman and

Holiday Fund Aids Child Care Budget Year Around son. The release explained that

while a modest amount of money

produced by the appeal is used to

remember Village boys and girls

with Christmas presents, the

principal use of the Holiday Fund

proceeds is the financing and un-

derwriting of The Village's food

and milk budget for the entire

In recent statements, the ad-

ministration at The Children's Vil-

lage has emphasized both the im-

portance and the urgency of the

holiday appeal in 1975, primarily

because of what has been describ-

ed as a continuous inflationary

spiral in The Village's costs of

living and because of the expan-

sion of the agency's ministries and

services to its new branch cam-

pus on the Farrow Manor prop -

needs at the holiday season, Sup-

erintendent Paul N. Nunnery

stated, "Those of us who have the

direct and personal responsibility

for Village children and the old

and honored institution which ser-

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erty, in Tate County.

In commenting upon

The Baptist Children's Village, care agency in Mississippi, is currently publicizing the needs of its Holiday Fund. In a recent release through the mails and through for cash assistance during the The Baptist Record, Village sour- Thanksgiving — Christmas s e a -

Baptist Children's Village, es stated that the Holiday Fund Convention's official child Apresents the agency's annual appeal, on behalf of neglected and dependent Mississippi children, who are its responsibility, to individual friends of boys and girls

Jackson Layman Visits Missions In Indonesia

Jackson pharmacist, and members of Griffith Memorial Church in Jackson, recently returned from a 20,000 mile trip to Singapore, Malaysia, and Indonesia. When people ask him if he had a good vacation he says, "Not a vacation!" Then why such a long trip to such unglamorous places?

He says, "I wanted to see first hand what some of the mission fields were like and what the opportunities were for lay people to be of service in the Lord's work.

"Indonesia, crowded country of 130,000,000, as a destination was no accident. I believe the Lord called me to offer my abilities in making films and recordings to use in His work and let me know through many signs that Indonesia and Southeast Asia was the place. The signs were so numerous a friend remarked, 'E ither you are misreading these signs, or you better start making plans

to get going.' First, Jim and Carolyn Mc-Atee, mission appointees from Jackson to Indonesia, came to his drug store for drug samples

Leo Moore, Baptist layman and to take with them. Later he heard a tape recording about the McAtees' mission work. He had read Don Crawford's book, MIR-ACLES IN INDONESIA, about the work of the Holy Spirit in the islands. He met a man who had been to Indonesia in relation to his work.

Two factors were making him hesitate about making the trip money and a pharmacist work in his drug store while he was away. These two problems were solved. Then as a Baptist laymen he was ready to make himself available as photographer and pharmacist for three or four weeks in Indonesia. He would pay all his own expenses and serve

without pay. He obtained his passport and visa, took typhoid and cholera shots, and anti-malarial medica tion. He asked Mrs. Katle Ainsworth in the WMU Department to check on returning missionaries from Indonesia, and thus met Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Rankin and Dr. and Mrs. Winfield Applewhite.

Mr. Moore had previously assisted with photographic supplies (Continued On Page 5)

Rev. Oliver Ladnier, pastor of First Baptist Church, Magee, as secretary. The Convention Board is made up of 100 members elected by the Mississippi Baptist Convention from over the state. These members, in turn, elect a 12 - person Executive Committee, and the

three officers of the Convention Board serve as ex officio mem-Dr. Earl Kelly of Jackson is the executive secretary - treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The board handles the affairs of the convention between annual sessions of the conven -

The Executive Committee elect-

Other members of the Executive Committee elected by the Convention Board were Rev. John Causey, Corinth; Rev. James Hurt, Cleveland; Dr. John Lee Taylor, Grenada; Dr. John Barnes, Hattiesburg; Dr. Russell Bush, Columbia; Rev. Jimmy McGee, McComb; Rev. Bartis Harper, Morton; Rev. Roy Myers, Independence; and Rev. Mel Craft, Tylertown.

During its organization meeting the Executive Committee appropriated \$15,750 for the financing of Sunday School enrollment campaigns in 40 areas of the state, beginning in 1976. These campaigns are nationwide in scope and are known as ACTION campaigns. They are promoted across the nation by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. They will be promoted

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Convention Board Officers

New officers of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board are shown above. Left to right, they are Dr. Harold T. Kitchings, pastor of First Baptist Church, Kosciusko, re-elected president; Gene Triggs. Yazoo City layman, vice-president; and Dr. Ed Gandy, pastor of First Baptist Church, Bruce, re-elected recording secretary.



Executive Committee Officers

Dr. Robert Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo, left above, was elected chairman of the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Dr. P. A. Michel, pastor of First Baptist Church, Brookhaven, center, was named vice-chairman Rev. Oliver Ladnier, right, pastor of First Baptist Church, Magee, was re-elected secretary.

10,000 Expected Pleitz Heads Program For Annual Youth Night In Jackson Coliseum

An inspirational message by Dr. James Pleitz, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pensacola, Fla., will highlight the annual Mississippi Baptist Youth Night Dec. 29 in Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson

The program will begin at 6:50

Other program personalities will be the Stone Brothers of Samford University of Birmingham, Ala. The three brothers form a vocal and instrumental trio.

singing will be Elwyn Raymer, who is vice-president and general manager of Triune Music Company of Nashville, Tenn.

Chuck Endsley, organist of Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, and a student at William Carey College there, will be the organist. The pianist will be Steve Roddy of First Baptist Church, Jackson, and Auburn University.

Special music will be presented by Rita Wood, a member of

The program is expected to last two hours, and some 10,000 young people are expected to tax the capacity of the coliseum. They will be expected to follow patterns of the past and arrive from all across the state by bus loads and car loads.

A bicentennial theme will give direction to the program. Testimonies on "What My Country

Directing the congregational Broadmoor Baptist Church in Means to Me" will be presented Jackson and Jackson's Junior by Steve Pilgrim of Mississippi State University, president of the Mississippi Baptist Student Union, and Eddie Graves of Mississippi College, vice - president of the state BSU.

Dr. James Richardson, dent of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, will welcome the young people to the Youth Night program, which will be sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Con-

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Christians From 100 Nations At World Council's Fifth Assembly

approaching the gatefold, Christians from 100 nations gathered in the open plaza at the center of this highlands city for the Fifth Assembly of the World Council of Churches. African drums sounded, then fell silent, and the ceremony of entering began.

"Gather My Saints Unto Me" was the biblical summons proclaimed by Anglican Archbishop Festus Olang of Kenya, Other passages of Scripture were read in tongues of the six continents -Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, South America, and Australasia. Together, the more than 2,000 participants responded "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord."

Enter they did, neither into a sheepfold nor a conventional church but into the great meeting room of the ultra - contemporary Kenyatta Conference center. There they heard the songs of several African peoples, were led in prayers of intercession, and were preached a homily by the Rev. Seth Nomenyo of the Evangelical Church of Togo.

The service ended with an invitation to greet "the brothers and sisters with the embrace of kinfolk."

Gathered from nations, gathered by the Lord, gathered for the world were the three sequences of the celebration. Festival through it was, it was not without incident.

At the very opening on the plaza a man rushed up to WCC General Secretary Philip A. Potter,

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ves them, have traditionally been

accorded the privilege of ex-

tending, as we do in 1975, a sin-

cere greeting to our friends at

Christmas, and at the same time,

appealing to individuals among

those friends for financial help

to "tide us over" until Mother's

Day, the only time when we

may appeal to churches for cash

ful to hundreds and hundreds

who have, for years, been so gen-

erous and supportive, both to our

children, and our staff efforts

with them. We do believe it to be

pport. We are profoundly grate-

Holiday Fund Aids

Child Care Budget

* NAIROBI (RNS) - Like Sheep handed him a message, and shouted into the microphone, "This is the church of the anti-Christ."

> He and two associates claimed to be from the Evangelical Sover-eign Grace Baptists of Scotland.

A letter which the men had distributed to a few persons was signed by "Pastor Jack Glass. chairman of the Twentieth Century Reformation Movement in Glasgow."

The letter urged the WCC Assembly to Condemn Roman Catholicism, Communism, and world terrorism and to realize that unity is to be achieved "in the preaching of the gospel of free and sovereign grace" and not "sought the apostate ecumenical

The men were questioned Kenya police and released.

Another incident of quite different magnitude but not insignificant took place during the in door service of worship when a participant offered a variation on the Assembly theme, "Jesus Christ Frees and Unites." Head ing the procession of worship leaders and carrying a Swahili Bible, a young Masai woman stated, "This is the word of God. which bears witness to Him who saves and unites." Because of micro-

However celebrative the opening two hours, there is little doubt that as conference business proceeds, the perceptions as to the role of Jesus Christ, in saving, freeing, uniting, and perhaps even in dividing will be provoca-

Mr. Nomenyo in his

described the task of the Fifth Assembly. "We are gathered here in Nairobi, in deepest night, to tell the world that we are not defeated by the noise of our ecclesiastical machinery, that we are not blinded by the beam in our own eyes lodged there by our the-**Education Commission Officers** ological constructions, that are not sitting comfortably in our The Christian Education Commission of the Mississippi Convention elected new officers in an organization meeting following doctrinal pews."

Rather, he asserted, "We are here to say that in the world's night we hear, we see, we notice something, and that over and above our confessional divisions we are one in what we hear, set, and notice. And that we want to speak and act as a result."

Traditional tribal songs were sung by a choir of the African Israel Church of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. Joining them were choirs from St. Stephen's Anglican, Lady of Visitation Roman Catholic, and St. Andrews Presbyterian churches, and the University of Nairobi. Mrs. Philip Potter took part in leading ... the

Dr. Potter spoke the prayer that constituted the formal oepning of the Assembly.

One of the most engaging ments of the service was the offering of Morris Nynyusa, a drummer from Tanzania. Few in the congregation knew the spirited performer was blind.

So began the gathering from the nations, the gathering of saints and sinners, wealthy and poor, professionals and lay, a composite of races, traditions, ages and vocations, a gathering of kinfolk in



At Work In Japan

Having arrived in Japan in Ja-uary of 1973 as brand new fine sionaries, we still feel a "hew": ness" in many areas. The Cooperative Program means new missionaries are able to come to Japan and to share the Good News of the Gospel. Japan has the highest inflation rate in the world and it's hard to maintain missionary support. Since we have arrived. many others have come. We pray for even more to help in this land whose god is material-

Cooperative Program funds provide education for our children in an English - speaking international school. This in turn frees me for other tasks - English classes, cooking classes, WMU activities, and assisting my musician

Our homes are the direct result of Cooperative Program funds. One young university student in Kyoto came to an English-Bible discussion in our home and became a Christian because of what he heard. His decision is directly connected to financial and prayer support from the Cooperative Program.

The Japan Baptist Mission has a new organization with different divisions, Because of our children's ages and my firm conviction concerning the importance of our home, I'm a member of the Christian Ministry to Families Division. Those of us in our division will use our homes as a base for evangelism.

We are thankful to God for His blessing and provisions for us through the Cooperative Program. Pat Barr Roberts Hiroshima, Japan

New Church Expansion Com mittee - Eugene Dobbs, chairman, Pearl; Robert Dent, Holly Springs; James Street, Wiggins; Hayes Callicutt, Jackson; Dick Rollins, Clarksdale; and Bob Hamblin, Tupelo.

election of the commission members by the convention. Dr. Joe

Tuten, right above, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, was

elected chairman of the commission. Dr. E. R. Jobe, left above, a

Jackson layman, was elected vice- chairman; and Dr. John Traylor,

To Head Board Bodies

pastor of First Baptist Church, Gulfport, was re-elected secretary.

Kitchings, Hamblin

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in Mississippi by the Sunday Scho-

ol Department of the Convention

Board, Rev. Bryant Cummings is

The Executive Committee also

allocated \$6,145 for 50 release

prints of the movie, "The Whale

That Came to Mississippi," pro-

duced by the Southern Baptist Ra-

dio and Television Commission in

Fort Worth. This 16 - millimeter.

30 minute film will be available

for showing in churches late in

It will be on TV also during

Christmas week in every viewing

Another allocation was for \$7,-

500 for the printing of 250,000 selections

During the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board meeting Dr.

Earl Kelly, executive secretarytreasurer, announced that receipts for world-wide missions through the Convention Board offices in Jackson had amounted to \$5,815,-

000. This is to be compared with

\$5,300,000 at the same time last

of McCondy Baptist Church

Chickasaw Association, was

Missions Department.

at Columbus.

as follows:

Rev. John Paul Jones, pastor,

proved by the Executive Com-

mittee as the director of mis-

sions in Mississippi Association

at the request of the Cooperative

ment of Student Work the com-

mittee voted to allocate funds to

repair the student center at the

Mississippi University for Women

To complete the organization of

the Convention Board, the mem-

bers adopted the report of the

board's committee on board

organization. Powell G. Ogletree

of Hattiesburg was chairman of

the committee. The board's work -

ing committees were established

Assembly and Camp Programs

Committee - Bartis Harper,

chairman, Morton; David Mer-

ritt, Lucedale; Lee Ferrell,

Webb; Davis Gardner, Louin;

John Cook, Columbus; and John

Budget and Cooperative Pro-

gram Promotion Committee --

Glenn Perry, chairman, Phila-

delphia; Gene Triggs, Yazoo City;

P. A. Michel, Brookhaven; James

Wheatley, Madison; Clark Mc-

Murray, Pascagoula; and John

Church-Minister Relations Ad-

visory Committee - Perry Clax-

ton, chairman, Greenville; L. D.

White, Lake Cormorant; Frank

Pollard, Jackson; Joe Meadows,

Gulfport; Billy Greene; Prentiss;

Missions and Evangelism Com-

mittee - John Causey, chair-

man, Corinth; Russell Bush, Co-

lumbia; Roy Myers; Independ-

ence; Mrs. Charles Tyler, Collins;

Gowan Ellis, Noxapater; and Ja-

and Oliver Ladnier, Magee.

Barnes, Hattiesburg.

Lee Taylor, Grenada.

'Champions of Liberty."

entitled

director.

December.

area in the state.

Pastoral - Church Building Aid Committee - Ray Lloyd, chairman, Starkville; Mel Craft, Tylertown; Millard Purl, Gloster; Theron Baldwin, Pontotoc; Beverly Tinnin, Meridian; and Tommy Hudson, Jackson.

per cent of the budget. "Certainly these facts give us nothing to be discouraged about," said Dr. Kelly. "But for the cause of Christ at home and around the world we need to be careful to make December a banner month in missions giving."

Cooperative Gifts

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for many churches to handle Cooperative Program allocations for

the entire month. "Last year the

month ended on Saturday, allowing a full week after the last Sunday of the month."

Dr. Kelly pointed out that those

receipts received after Nov. 30

were credited to December totals.

He noted that this month ends on

Wednesday and urged treasurers

to make every effort to get the

mission allocations from their

churches for the entire month in

to the state office before the final

"November's receipts make the

total Cooperative Program income

for the year \$5,846,600. This is

\$753,400 short of the budget for the year of \$6.6 million. Budgeted

needs in missions, in Christian ed-

ucation, and in other areas will

go unmet unless the budget is

For the year thus far the total

income has been \$488,734 above that for the first 11 months of

1974. With November ending on

Saturday in 1974, the end of the

month saw 91.9 per cent of the budget in hand. With the month

ending on Sunday this year the

receipts in hand amounted to 88.6

day of the year.

realized." he noted.

In November

Are \$420,928



Get Acquainted Session

A get acquainted program for staff members of the Department Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists of the Home Mission Board was held at the Baptist Building in Jackson. The audience primarily was made up of resource people from the associations and some National Baptists from Mississippi, Staff members of the Home Mission Board department are shown above with Mississippi Baptist Convention Board personalities. Left to right are Carlisle Driggers, HMB associate; Edward Wheeler, HMB associate; Dick Brogan, director of the Department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Emmanuel McCall, director of the HMB department; and Chester Vaughn, program director for the Convention Board.

Encouraging Ministers. Strengthening Churches...

(Continued from page 1) will be included in this), and will

also offer liaison between churches and ministers available for interim work and pulpit supply.

For ministers and their families, the director will be available as personal counselor and referral resource "in all matters affecting spiritual and emotional health and problems concerning church - minister relations." Dr. Perkins promises, "Confidentiality will be carefully protected and assured in all these situa-

tions." "Also in time," he says, "we shall develop and distribute church staff salary survey.

"Too, information and help on the work of the pulpit committee will be provided so that every committee will have available guidance on proper procedure and

ethical practices involved." For churches wanting to get rid of undesirable preachers, he has some suggestions he borrow-

ed from Dr. Daniel Boaz several

years ago:

preach himself to death in a few weeks. 2. Pat him on the back and brag on his good points. He will soon work himself to death. 3. Rededicate your own life to

1. Look him straight in the eye

when he is preaching and say

'amen' once in a while. He'll

Christ, and ask the preacher for a job to do (preferably some lost person you could lead to Christ.) He might die of heart failure.

4. Get the church to unite in prayer for the preacher, and he will soon become so effective some larger church will take him off your hands.

"Encouraging ministers and strengthening churches," he repeats - "that is the work of your Church - Minister Relations De partment."

December BH Topics

The celebration of Christ mas assumes new meanings in December when Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs examines the Christian's most popular holiday in a series of December sermons on "The Baptist Hour."

In his December 7 sermon. Hobbs calls the exact second when Jesus Christ was born "The Zero Hour of The Ages." "For an atomic fraction of a second time stood still and then started again in a new direction," he says. "And the world has never, will never, be the same again."

The sermon titled "Invasion -From Outer Space To Inner Space" reminds that man's conquest of outer space cannot be achieved in inner space (man's spiritual being) without an invasion from God, doing for man what man cannot do for himself.

The December 21 sermon, "Mary's Baby Book" describes the events connected with the birth of Jesus that Mary would have put into a Baby Book if she had kept one like present - day mothers sometimes keep.

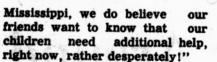
our serious obligation to point out that the dollar contributed to The Village purchases far less in terms of basic and necessary products and services than last year than ever in our history. Although we are conscious of a financial problem in every private home in source to Village services The Baptist Children's Village,

The Stone Brothers

Pleitz Heads Youth **Night Program**

(Continued from page 1) vention Board. Dr. Earl Kelly is executive secretary - treasurer of the board.

Dr. Pleitz has been president of the Florida Baptist Convention, president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, and president of the Southern Baptist Pastor's Conference. He is a native of Arkansas and served pastorates in Arkansas before accepting the Pensacola position.



In his comments, Nunnery acknowledged that Village beginnings on its new, Farrow Manor Branch, Campus serve to increase operating burdens at an unfortunate time, but he stated his conviction that Mississippi Baptists do not elect to "stand still." nor even retreat in the ministry of love to neglected and dependent children. According to Nunnery, food costs, in spite of economy efforts at The Village, represent one of the three most troublesome areas of expense, and the addition of the Farrow Manor Branch Campus facility has contributed only in a minor degree to current Village operating prob-lems, while adding a needed a n d progressive dimension and re-

including the actual operations of the Children's home on the Farrow Manor lands, as an official Conventon agency, participates in a Cooperative Program allocation for a portion of its operating needs, but, according to Nunnery, the agency remains dependent upon designated giving for more than 70 per cent of its minimum operating expense.



James Pleitz



Elwyn Raymer

al Student Ministries at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, said the host church, city or home provides housing, food, tours and program. The only cost to the students is transportation to and from the host city and inci-

dental costs. Williams stated that Friendship International House is not a motel, but a time to relax between terms of school and take advantage of programs and acti-

vities for personal enrichment. Students are not permitted to work while staying in a host

Some of the cities hosting students this year include Flagstaff, Ariz., Conways, Ark, Fresno, Calif., Denver, Colo, Chicago, Ill., Houston, Tex., and Milwau kee, Wis.

National Student Ministires of the Sunday School Board sponsors Friendship International House for any international student, single, married or with children, graduate or undergraduate, in any college or university in the

Most Friendship International Houses last from Dec. 20, 1975, through Jan. 2, 1976.

Southern Baptists To Share Christmas With Internationals

mes Hurt, Cleveland.

NASHVILLE - Many international students currently enrolled in colleges and universities in the United States will spend Christmas holidays this year as guests in Southern Baptist churches and homes as a result of the Friendship International House program.

Last year 1,307 international students from 82 foreign countries spent at least part of the holidays with American families in 50 cities of 21 states. This year the students had 41 cities to choose from on a first come first served basis.

Benton Williams, international student work consultant in NationUnited States.

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (BP)-Messengers to the 153rd annual meeting of the Alabama Baptist State Convention approved a record budget of \$0.2 million, approved the establishment of a retirement home ministry, and signed a \$1.7 million contract for a year-round conference center at its Shocco Springs Baptist Assembly property.

Messengers also passed a resolution urging more people to become sponsors of Vietnam refu gees, commended churches, their members, and associations which "have been instrumental in providing friendship, food, counsel and shelter." The convention also commended the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board for providing information concerning the resettlement of refugees.

Other business included election of Dan Ireland, pastor Jackson Way Baptist Church. Huntsville, as convention president and a refusal by messengers to amend a bylaw that would have

weakened the authority of trustees of ministers who perform marof Alabama Baptist agencies and institutions.

Illinois

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (BP)-The Illinois Baptist State Association set a 1976 budget of over \$3.5 million and voted resolutions, including one in support of television's controversial "family viewing" concept.

In other action the statewide body of Southern Baptists postponed any entrance by the convention into the prosecution of James Paynter, a former official of the Illinois Baptist Children's Home, Carmi, who has been indicted for alleged embezzlement of funds from the home.

Arkansas

FORT SMITH, Ark. (BP) - The Arkansas Baptist State Convention set a record \$4.7 million budget and took actions involving ministers under stress, the status



Mrs. Guy Henderson visits with participants during the Baptist Women Prayer Retreat.



Dr. Arthur Rutledge, at right, shows, a copy of his book, TOMORROW, STARTS TODAY, to Rodney Webb, Language Missions Consultant, MBCB; Mrs. Helen Allan, WMU, SBC; and Mrs. Robert Smira, Mississippi WMU President, during Home Mission Study Institute.

riages, and world hunger.

Messengers adopted recommendations of a committee of 16, appointed at last year's convention to study stress in the ministry, which asked that no one be employed by the state convention to assist with the problem; that seminars and conferences be developed to assist religious workers with their problems, and that the study continue for another

Regarding the status of licensed ministers vs. ordained ones in performing marriages, messeng ers also passed a recommendation that "in the future the proper status recommended by our state convention for Southern Baptist ministers to perform wedding ceremonies in Arkansas shall be ordination."

A recommendation on hunger urges "each Baptist and each of our churches to participate in a special offering to help in the elimination of world hunger."

Northwest

DELTA, B. C. Canada (BP) -The Northwest Baptist Convention voted a record budget, heard a challenge on seating messengers from two churches, and passed a resolution on Southern Baptist relationships in Canada at the convention's annual meeting here.

The credentials committee recommended that messengers from two churches not be allowed to register until "differences in understanding and practicing doctrinal statements of the convention" are resolved.

First Baptist Church, Bothell, Wash., reportedly disagrees with a doctrinal requirement disallowing acceptance of members bap tized by immersion in non - Baptist churches, and Grace Baptist Church, Sumner, Wash., reportedly disagrees with policy against ob serving communion with non-Baptists. Both reportedly were not seated by their local association, the Puget Sound Baptist Association, for the same reasons.

Hawaii

WAIPAHU, Oahu, Hawaii (BP) -A record \$476,189 budget was adopted by the Hawali Baptist Convention meeting here, and growth was noted in almost every area of work over the past year.

West Virginia

FAIRLEA, W. Va. (BP) - The West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists passed a resolution expressing appreciation for the "family viewing time" concept advocated by the national television networks but declared that it is "inadequate" to solve the problems of violence and sex on television.

Arizona

PHOENIX, Ariz. (BP) - Southern Baptists from Arizona and Nevada passed a resolution which couraged Southern Baptist pastors to preach and teach the doctrine of the Holy Spirit to counter the "disunity" sometimes caused by "pseudo - charismatic" movements in local

In other deliberations of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, messengers set a \$4.3 m illion annual Cooperative Program budget, elected a new president, and adopted several amendments

to the convention's constitutions Messengers elected Richard A. Jackson, pastor of North Phoenix Baptist Church, as president.

Ohio

WILLOUGHBY, Ohio (BP) -Elected messengers to the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio passed a resolution condemning "selfish, non-therapeutic" abortion and faced no controversy over the charismatic movement as some had expected.

The convention's Cooperative Program unified budget portion of the annual budget is expected to top \$1 million for the first time in 1975, reaching over \$1.37 million in contributions from Ohio church-

Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY, (BP) Messengers to the 70th annual meeting of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma experienced three days of tranquil sessions, heard from an array of foreign and home missions executives, passed only five resolutions and adopted a record \$5.9 million Cooperative Program budget.

Charles Graves, pastor of Nichols Hills Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, was elected president, succeeding Warren Hultgren, Tul -

se pastor again having untvalipercent of the Oklahoma Convention budget to worldwide missions causes through the Southern Baptist Convention's national Cooperative Program.

GREENWICH, Conn. (BP) -The Baptist Convention of New York expressed concern for the financial crisis of New York City and took a stand for morality in television programming.

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Tennessee

large membership of the convention's executive board from 75 to 99; with 25 members coming from each of the state's three divisions -East, West and Middle - and the remaining 24 distributed as nearly as possible in perpertion to geographical divisions.

elected convention president.

MC Dedicates Addition To Library

During the recent dedication of the new addition to the Leland Speed Library at Mississippi College, Dr. Lewis Nobles (right), president of the college, conducted a special tour for Leland Speed, Jr, (left) of Jackson, a college trustee, and Dr. Grady Cothen, president of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. They visited the Reference Room, furnished by the Kresge Foundation of Troy, Mich. This room houses the library's collection of 3500 general and specialized reference books and provides study space for 60 students. (M.C. Photo by Ronnie Killebrew)

New York

The convention, made up of New York State and parts of Connecticut and New Jersey, did not call for federal aid for New York South Carolina City but did call for communicating concern for persons in crisis there to federal, state, and city officials through an official letter.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (BP)-Tennessee Baptists narrowly approved a program for establishment of a church-ministers' information department, voted to enlarge the membership of the Tennessee Baptist Convention's executive board, and set a record \$8.45 million budget for 1975-76. Messengers also voted to en-

Baptist Church, Paris, Tenn., was acres for establishment of the cen-

Utah-Idaho

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho (BP) -The Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention adopted a record budget of \$479,422 and re-elected Chester Bunch, pastor of Holla day Baptist Church, Salt Lake City, as president.

GREENVILLE, S. C. (BP) -The South Carolina Baptist Convention was marked by adoption of a record \$7.3 million budget and resolutions concerning alco-hol education and dancing on college campuses.

Messengers voted 342-293 to disapprove of dancing on the campuses. The action does not forbid dancing, only expresses strong disapproval of it.

In other action, the convention passed a resolution asking the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, to strengthen its pro-gram of alcohol education in Sunday School material and other periodicals and urged South Carolina Baptist churches to make a greater effort in alcohol edu-

Messengers gave approval tothe Baptist population in the three of for the convention's White of a k Conference Center for \$137,500. Carroll C. Owen, pastor of First The convention already owns 750

Home Missions Study Institute Among Fall Activities At Garaywa



Sharing WMU history, state missions, and Bible study with Baptist Young Women at Garaywa were (l. to r.) Miss Edwina Robinson, Rodney Webb, and Mrs. J. H. Street.

By Barbara Taylor With 1975 drawing to a close,

Camp Garaywa can once again reminisce about another fine year of camps, conferences, and retreats. Her many activities have provided training through such events as WMU Camp, Associational Officers' Clinic, and most recently through the Home Mission Study Institute.

Dr. Arthur Rutledge, Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board, visited Garaywa during November to tell WMU leaders and members about "Missions in the Third Century." This topic, which is also the theme for the Home Mission Emphasis in 1976, is one which stirs the interest and the imagination, and brings one to the realization that the face of

missions is rapidly changing. Dr. Rutledge is the author of TOMORROW STARTS TODAY, the book provided for study in the adult division during the home mission emphasis.

Also present for the Institute was Mrs. Helen Allan, editor of Mission Friends materials for Woman's Missionary Union, SBC. Mrs. Allen is the author of the undated unit, SEE WHAT I SEE, which is recommended for use with preschoolers during this spe-

cial emphasis on home missions. Garaywa's activities include more than training sessions. She also provides times of retreat —

one's self — of making friends. Two such retreats this fall were the Baptist Young Women Retreat, and the Baptist Women Prayer Retreat. BYWs enjoyed Bible study led

by Mrs. J. H. Street of Newton: they learned about the great heritage which members of Women's Missionary Union have and heard about leaders who had the foresight and courage to launch needed programs as Miss Edwina Robinson previewed THE HISTORY OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UN-ION. In addition, "Miss Ed," who served Mississippi WMU for almost 38 years, as young people's secretary and later as executive secretary, shared personal experiences which she has had through her years of work. Those present also heard Rodny Wbb, language missions consultant, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, tell of the needs for mission work here in Mississippi.

Baptist Women were led in a prayer retreat by Mrs. Guy Hen-

of getting away - of renewing derson, missionary to the Philippines. As Mrs. Henderson shared favorite scriptures and meaningful experiences in prayer, the women were challenged to become more faithful in their individual prayer lives.

Garaywa is already looking forward to 1976 and the many activities scheduled for her during the year.

There's the Young Ministers' Wives Retreat, January 23-24, one of the highlight events for Woman's Missionary Union. This year a very special guest will be Mrs. J. Winston Pearce, author of a number of books on family life and herself a pastor's wife. This retreat, designed for ministers' wives who are 40 and under, is one which WMU eagerly anticipates from year to year.

And then there are summer camps for GAs and Acteens -Acteens Queens' Court - workshops — and much, much more.

Yes, Garaywa is a busy campground — and that's just the way she likes it to be.

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Lifer's' Influence On Mission Cited By Southern Baptists

FORT WORTH (RNS) - Con- a widening circle of former victed murder Leon Edwards is dead, but his influence on Baptist mission work on the Caribbean island of Grenada continues.

Edwards became a Christian while serving a life term, after writing a letter to the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Christian to ask how he could become a "soldier for Christ."

Correspondence between Edwards and the commission staff continued several years. Three years ago, he was featured in a film telling the story of the commission a counseling ministry to prisoners.

Commission president Paul M. Stevens said that before he died, Edwards became the leader of a group of Christians in prison and.

prisoners.

J. P. Allen, head of the commission's counseling department, said Edwards' death is "not the end of Leon's story. . . Men met Leon in prison and his spirit and profound experiences with Christ led many to open discipleship. Already the seed is being sown in Grenada. The missionary there is cultivating. Harvest is certain."

Edwards died in prison at age 32, apparently of natural causes, on Oct. 10. Not Satisfied

Many people find a way to get something for nothing and then kick about the quality.

Some lack time to take advice -they're too busy selling it.

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EDITORIAL

Who Created The Monster?

Most idle sayings evidently started back in antiquity and probably will continue indefinitely. When someone is asked, "Which came first, the chicken or the egg?" he is not supposed to know the answer.

Of course, the chicken came first. The question of which came first, television or the permissive society might not be as easily answered.

Choose any hour you wish, completely at random if you wish, and sit to watch television for that period. The possibility is you will hear language being broadcast into your living room or den or your youngsters' bedrooms that would not have been used out on the sidewalk a couple of generations ago when television first reared its head.

Mild or not so mild profanity is needed, we are told, to impart realism to the action portrayed.

Time was when there was only

radio, and it was felt the airwaves belonged to the public and should not be used to dispense such garbage into the homes. It was understood there might be families trying to teach their children such language was unnecessary and their efforts shouldn't meet such resistance right in their own homes.

Of course, profanity is only a small part of the problem. Tele-vision is sight as well as sound, and the viewer must choose carefully to find programs in which liquor glasses, beer bottles, cigarettes, and peculiar clothes and appearances are not all too notici-

The adult can shrug these off, but they make a definite impression on young minds. Almost always the programs would be as effective without these things.

The cut-off switch on the set is not the answer. The adult is going to continue to watch and shrug off if he desires. The youngster is not going to be content to be closed off in another room by himself.

Hard liquor and cigarettes are never advertised by brand names on television. That makes little different to those industries. They get plenty of institutional advertising free under existing conditions.

Now a "family viewing" concept introduced b tne networks. It has been met by varying without leaving home.

attitudes. Many see it as much too little in the way of concessions or even a smoke screen to pave the way for even more flagrant violations of our sensibilities.

Two hours of time devoted to "family viewing" really is not very much. The desperation question is, why does time have to be set aside at all? Why cannot a family spend a entire evening together watching television if it desires, and not face embarrassement at what might be

Besides, not all television watched by children is beamed out at night. Children home from school early or just too young to go to school can get in on more double dealings, adultery, broken homes, profanity, and other such "real life" situations than can be calculated easily if they match daytime television.

Which come first? It's hard to say. There is no question but that a permissive society tolerates such stuff when it doesn't have to and might have encouraged that kind of programming to begin with.

There is no question but that the Congress could put a halt to such use of the public airways if the public demanded it.

The public could deal directly with the television industry simply by doing what the industry suggests: turning off the set. But it

Probably without exception the programs originating in local stations are of first-class quality and of highest moral standards. Network television is the culprit in this instance, and it admits as much when it offers to set aside two hours for family viewing. Of course, even then it reserves the right to surprise the viewing family with an announcement that the next production will not be fit to look at.

Television is a wonderful medium. It has so much to offer that it defies the imagination. We've seen the Billy Graham Mississippi Crusade. We will see the story of Mississippi Baptists in "That Whale that Came to Mississippi."

We are taken right to the scene by news cameras, and we can get uainted with political candidates

ods of training his disciples and show

how we in turn can become disciple mak-

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ics of this story. It is the tale of three

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THE EAST, NO EXIT by Os Guin-

ness (InterVarsity, 54 pp., paper, \$11.25)

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for assessing this decade's swing toward

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 DISTINCTIVE LESSONS FROM LUKE by W. C. Brownson, Jr. (Baker, paper, \$1.25, 128 pp.).

and incidents which Luke writes about and other Gospel writers do not mention

THE HALLELUJAH SIDE, Instant Sounds arranged by Myra Schubert (Melody Publication, 56 pp., \$1.95) Choral arrangements — includes "Oh, How I Love Jesus," "All I Need," "Hallelujah," and others. Recording and sound tracks avail-

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by R. Benjamin Garrison (Abingdon, 94 pp., \$2.75) Mr. Garrison develops his ideas on the motives behind, and the results of, some of the questions Jesus asked on such subjects as sensitivity, brotherhood, goodness, fear, identity, suffering, and resurrection. He relates those ideas to Christian life today.

YOUR CHURCH HAS REAL POSSI-BILITIES by Robert H. Schuller (Gospel Light, paper, \$2.95, 180 pp.) Dr. Schuller (of "The Hour of Power" TV program) predicts a fantastic future for the institutional church in the U.S.A.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon (Pilgrim Publications, paper, 160 pp.) An attractive reprint of Spurgeon's 'plain talk for plain people." In the same format as the original, the book contains many quaint

GOD LOVES THE DANDELIONS by Roger Fredrikson (Word, 168 pp., \$5.95) Here is the exciting story of the outreach ministry of First Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. This suburban church leaves its doors open 24 hours a day, and ministers to people of all segments of society; it operates a halfway house for men just out of jail, for alcoholics and others; it runs a coffeehouse five nights a week, and lay people are

THE UNTAPPED GENERATION by David and Don Wilkerson (Zondervan, paper, \$1.95, 256 pp.) This book by the co-directors of Teen Challenge, Inc. is a

We can sit on our own sofas and see the intense drama of a world series and be thrilled when a clean-cut hero puts a ball over the fence in the 12th inning to win a game.

We can see one of our favorite football teams in the state battle a favored opponent to a standstill and win a game.

The surface has not been brushed. much less scratched, on what the possibilities might be.

There is every possibility that we, the public, created a monster with our demands for the shoddy stuff, or at least by our acceptance of it. Let us pray that we can help the

industry to refrain from falling into the mire of R-rated movies and instead be the fine medium for clean entertainment and interesting information that it has the possibility of being.

Perhaps the "family viewing" pe-

riod is a step in the right direction. Maybe the networks can be persuaded by our resonse to make such viewing the normal thing rather than a limited period.

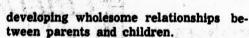
Television is too valuable to let get out of hand and will be too dangerous if it does .- DTM

Sunday School Lessons

Beginning January 1, the Sunday School lessons in the Baptist Record will be moved forward one week, so that those who do not get the paper before Saturday, or even later, will have time to use them. This means that the lessons for any given Sunday will appear in the Record one full week ahead of that Sunday.

We call attention now to the fact that the lessons that appear in the January 1 issue of the Record will be for Sunday, January 11. Because of this change, and because there will be no Record published during Christmas week, there will be no lessons in the Record for December 28 or for January 4. After sons, except for those two weeks a year when no Record is published.

Just remember, beginning Januthe Sunday School lessons will be published one week early.



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plea for involvement - a call for counselors to meet the challenge of the drug addict, the homosexual, the alcoholic, teen runaway, prostitute, sex addit and those trapped in the ghetto.



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THE BAPTIST FORUM

Dr. Swor Column To End Appearance With Dec. 18 Issue

Dear Friends:

I shared with Dr. Odle some time ago my feeling that I should not undertake the preparation of the column, LIGHT FOR LIVING, another year, and now I am sharing that impression with the many kind friends who have read the column during this year.

During 1976, I hope to complete manuscripts for at least two books, possibly three. Therefore, in addition to the always - heavy correspondence which my work involves, the manuscript preparation will pre-empt my time and energies. the adjustment is made there will will feel that to continue the column might be no more problems with the less mean that I could not give it my best thought, and that would be unfair to all concerned. Although I do sincerely regret to relinquish the happy privilege of communicating with many readers of the column each week, I know that you will understand.

Dr. Odle has been a magnificent editor and friend with whom to work, and I value so highly the privilege of participating in the ministry which our BAP-TIST RECORD offers. In accepting with warm-hearted understanding my decision to conclude the column with the December 18th issue of BAPTIST RECORD, he expressed the hope that I would be able to offer occasional articles. If 1976 makes such articles possible, I shall be happy to comply with Dr. Odle's gracious suggestion.

The December 18th column will be titled, "A Christmas Parable." I am hoping that its message will help to make the observation of Christ's birthday more meaningful this year than

I want to thank the many of you who have written to me or have spoken to me in appreciation of the messages in the column. For whatever strength the messages have brought, I am grateful. Thank you, too, for the oft-made suggestion that I select from the columns of 1969 and 1975 my favorite ones to combine into a booklet. Even if I should not be able to do that, your suggesting it is appreciated. May our Heavenly Rather bless each of you!

> Sincerely, Chester E. Swor

Asks "What Are We Going To Do To Clean Up Our Homes?"

Dear Dr. Odle:

As I read the article, "Family Viewing Time," by Harry N. Hollis, Jr. in last week's Baptist Record, I agreed with him concerning the presentation of sex, sadistic depictions of violence, dirty jokes, and gross profanity. Certainly we as parents object to our children watching so much of this, but I think instead of asking what the television networks are going to do to clean up the programs, we need to ask ourselves as adults and parents what we are going to do to clean up our homes. After all, who says we have to view the programs? We do have a choice.

Mrs. Homer Worsham Route 4. Box 106 Holly Springs, MS.

Light for Living

Spiritual Solvency

Soon we shall be entering a new year, and business institutions throughout our nation will be reviewing their financial structures through inventories, listings of assets and liabilities, and projecting safe financial guidelines for the year ahead. Christians of us would be wise to make as careful study of our individual spiritual resources and deficiencies.

Oliver Wendell Holmes once said, "Just as surely as you keep drawing out your soul's currency without making new deposits, the next thing will be 'NO FUNDS' ". Another writer said, "Soul deposits and checks must balance if we are to remain spiritually solvent." Some similar thoughts in questi form are relevant at this year-end to help us to make some wise spiritual de-

cisions for the year ahead. 1. If we should spend no more time in feeding our bodies than we do in feeding our souls through Bible study, what would be our physical condition?

2. If we should detach ourselves to rest our bodies in sleep as skimpily as we detach ourselves to strengthen our souls in prayer times, how long would it be before a breakdown would occur?

3. If we should give as little time and thought to material things as we do to spiritual matters, what would be the state of our individual economy?

4. If we should take as little physical exercise as we do of spiritual exercise through service, how flabby would our bodies be?

5. If life and friends should give back to us as little as we have given to life and friends, how meager or rich would our treasuries of joy be?

6. If other Christians have done the same amount of witnessing to non-Christians as I have done, how large would have been the number of conversions this year?

7. If my physical height and weight were comparable to my spiritual growth, what would my physical size be? If it is "good business sense" to re-

solve to increase gains and decrease losses, it is just as good spiritual sense to project our spiritual selves into 1976 with more of strength and fewer of weaknesses! Happy, Solvent New Year To Every Reader!

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lishers, P. O. Box 1647, Dallas, Texas 75221, 144 pp., paper, \$2.75) The 1955 Southern Baptist January Bible Study text on the Sermon on the Mount, written by one of Southern Baptists' best loved and widely known theologians. Many requests have come for the book since it has been out of print, so Dr. Eddleman has brought out a new edition. A verse by verse study of this, the "greatest serman ever preached Dr. Eddleman brings out the deepest meaning of every word, yet makes the application so clear and practical that this first century sermon meets twentieth century needs.

HE IS ABLE; THEY MET AT CAL-VARY; CAN I KNOW GOD? by W. E. Sangster (Baker, paper, reprints, \$2.95 each, or three volumes for \$7.95) Dr. Sangster was well known for his books on how to prepare and deliver sermons. The first in this set contains sermons Dr. Sangster preached himself, on the theme of the adequacy of Christ to meet all personal problems of life. The second is a selection of his messages especially appropriate for the Easter season. The third is a group of sermons by Dr. Sangster that have demonstrated effectiveness in reaching people for commit-

ment to Christ. CROWDED PEWS AND LONELY PEOPLE by Marion Leach Jacobsen (Tyndale House, paper, 207 pp., \$2.95) Many find that acceptance and love are often lacking in personal relationships in the church. The author of this new book carefully assesses this "famine of love among Christians" and offers a wealth of practical, workable solutions to help the individual believer and the local congregation find the way back to genuine fellowship in the body of Christ.

JUST AS I AM by Jane Graver (Concordia, 79 pp., \$3.95) These discerning poems, illustrated by interesting black and white photographs, reveal the inner feelings of a young person as he faces different situations in his life.

FAITH UNDER FIRE by Christ Panos (Whitaker House, paper, 188 pp., \$1.26) This is the astounding story of Chris Panos, who takes Bibles into Communist countries, in a manner which he calls a miracle.

VIOLENCE by Os Guinness (Inter-Varsity, 52 pp., \$1.25, paper) Is violence a cleansing agent or does it signal the end of man's humanity? Guinness discusses these and presents a third way, more satisfying.

Jackson Layman Visits Missionaries In Indonesia

(Continued from page 1) and equipment for two couples who worked for a month in Africa as lay teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hagaman from Jackson and the Yelvertons from Magee. The Hagamans had gone to Liberia under sponsorship of Christian National Evangelism Commission in San Jose, California.

When Mr. Moore contacted the CNEC office in San Jose, Rev. Allen Finley, general director, told him he could use pictures of their work and general conditions in Singapore, Malaysia, and In-

donesia. He also suggested Manila and Hong Kong. He said "We have a man in Singapore, Rev. Paul Chang, acting field director, who is going to Indonesia. We will coordinate his visit with your trip and he can help by going with you to our affiliated churches and offices and wherever you want to go."

Mr. Moore agreed to make the trip in condensed form, follows:

photographs for CNEC and also planned to visit Southern Baptist missionaries. His account of the Rev. Paul Chang, Chinese-Am-



Leo Moore, center above, a Jackson layman, has returned from a trip to Indonesia to visit the Baptist mission field there, and he discusses it with his pastor, Rev. Wilson Winstead, right, and Rev. Jerry Rankin, missionary to Indonesia now on furlough in Clinton. Moore is a member of Griffith Memorial Church in Jackson.



Rev. Jim McAtee, from Jackson, missionary to Indonesia, left. and Baptist layman Leo Moore of Jackson, right, visit with a Java-



Missionary Jim McAtee visits with a village chief in Indonesia.

erican citizen and acting director of the CNEC Singapore office, met me at the airport in Singa-

We went to Malaysia, a country of ten million, just across the causeway from Indonesia where CNEC is active with the Chinese and the Malaysians. (Baptists have mission activities in that area, too.)

Enroute to Malaysia in a minibus, we were stopped at customs and a quantity of Living Bibles were removed from the vehicle. They refused to let us take the Bibles into Malaysia. There were no specific regulations forbidding the Bibles from entering. They had been permitted on other occasions. We were given back the Bibles when we left Malaysia.

Our Chinese pastor friend told the customs officials, "You are fighting Communism, you say, but what you are doing is playing into their hands by refusing to let the Bible into your country."

While in Singapore, I visited the Southern Baptist Singapore Mission headquarters and saw the beautiful, modern, well - stocked bookstore we operate. I interviewed Graham Walker, a layman, business manager, lay preacher, choir director and all - around servant of the Lord, who came to the mission field from Florida.

There are a number of Baptist churches in Singapore, some Chinese, some English services. There is an international Baptist Church with about 150 mem bers, but services overflow with people because of the small building they use. However, the distressing part is there are more than 7000 Americans in the area, but so few are concerned with the Lord's work. There are other Christian denominations working in Singapore. Missionaries are now "resource persons". The future seems to be in using "nationals" to do the work, but they will be trained, encouraged and back-

ed up by our mission people. Leaving Singapore, Paul Chang and I flew to Djakarta, capital of Indonesia. We stayed there at the Baptist Guest House, a large dormitory type facility with several bedrooms and a large living area. The house is old and will be sold. The guest house will be in a Baptist Mission Office. The pres- regularly. ent guest house has a flood of sevinches of water all over there is much rain.

Staying at the guest house is on a priority basis starting with missionaries, their families, support personnel, etc. The overnight fee is something like two dollars a night and about seventy - five cents a meal. I was pleased to get an American type breakfast of toast, butter, eggs, peach preserves, etc. This was great, and the jar of American peanut butter on the table and Nescafe Coffee topped it off. The guest house is operated by a young Indonesian

Djakarta has four million souls. Open sewers empty into canals in the center of the city, and clothing is washed in the same canals. It is very hot. There are several deluxe American type hotels but prices are \$35 to \$45 a day.

Water cannot be consumed unless it is boiled twenty minutes. nor can you use tap water for teeth brushing. Some hotels provide guests with a thermos of cold, boiled water that is safe to

The guest house water was boiled; boiled water was used to make ice cubes, and there was a cold water shower in what appeared to be a super sized concrete bath tub. There was a commode and wash basin — almost all the comforts of home including an old fashined lazy turning ceiling fan.

Our Djakarta pastor friend sent a driver to take Paul and me to see Rev. Ed Sanders at the Baptist Mission Office.

Paul and I then went to the overseas missionary fellowship office to see if we could arrange to use their small airplane and its pilot to take me into the back country on the island of Kalimantan to see the mission work work with the tribes living there. But the missionary in charge solemnly announced that some time back the pilot had gone home to be with the Lord and so had the plane.

The next day our Chinese friend picked us up at the Baptist Guest Home and took us to the railroad station to board a very modern train for our four or five hours journey into the mountains the city of Bandung.

At Bandung, Southern Baptists have a publishing house, a student center and other activities. I called Rev. Ernie Beevers, our man in charge of the student center, and he took me to see the center, and he took me to see the center. He said there are 28,-000 student in the area. (Mr. Beevers' mother lives in Jackson.)

Mr. Beevers then took me home to dinner with his family, and I spent a while in their attractive home discussing their work and getting to know their children. Strange as it may seem, the children miss having cereal most of all. When cereal can be obtained, it is about \$4.00 a box.

The student center is a "hangout" with books, ping pong, a large meeting hall for programs, Christian movies mixed with science films and other general interest motion pictures.

English is taught here using the Bible and other Christian materroom, dining room, meeting room lals, the objective being to get the student here and stimulate his interest in Jesus. For those internew building located near the ested Bible classes are held

Paul had a concert at the Banthat night that was partly in Chinese and partly in English.

Next day we went back to Djakarta, and Paul and I separated to go our own ways. I told him God sent him as an angel to take care of me on the trip as I would have been useless without his help and that of his friends.

About three - thirty that afternoon I had a feeling come over me that I had had it! I wanted to go home, to see my wife and children and familiar things. It was a very sad feeling. I had been going so much and experiencing so much that was different, I was having "culture shock." But the Lord is able and ready, and he sent to me Rev. Ed Sanders at this critical time. Ed had decided to pay me a visit as I was to leave the next day for Kediri. I told Ed how I felt, and he said, "Come with me to my house. My wife is with the other missionary wives at a W.M.U. meeting in another city, but my children are at home. We can have supper, and you can go with me to my seminary extension class if you like."

So. a delicious meal, an interesting visit to the church where the class was taught by Rev. Sanders, and I was back to the mission house for the night, I felt truly better, and I had no more "homesick troubles."

Next day the Chinese pastor sent a car to take me to the plane, and Paul went along to see that I got off to Surabaja, the nearest airport to Kediri. The Chinese girls who drove me to the airport paid my airport tax as had the pastor from the same church paid my train ticket to Bandung the day before.

Arriving in Surabaja, said to be the fastest growing city in the world, with over a million population now, I was told to take a taxi (with a driver that did not speak English) for the two hour ride to the Baptist Hospital at Kediri. Two hours and twenty-five American dollars brought me to the Baptist Hospital. It was three o'clock in the afternoon, and Jim McAtee was out in the villages visiting the pastors and people of the many small Baptist churches in that area. I was taken to the home of the David Hanevs and refreshed while awaiting Jim's re-

David Haney is an electronic technician serving as a missionary associate at our Baptist hospital in Kediri. Mrs. Haney assists the other mission staff wives in teaching the dozen or so children of the missionaries.

There is a physician, Dr. Don Duvall, whose wife is also a physician, on the Kediri staff. She has to do her share of teaching along with her hospital duties. Jim McAtee's wife went to nursing school while he was in seminary and serves the hospital as a nurse, but also assists as a teacher.

Back to the Haneys - the afternoon passed into early evening, and Jim was still out in the field calling on his "flock." So the Haneys served me a delici. ous supper, complete with ice cream. This was delicious, safe. ice cream made with powdered milk, and I will always remember how good it was!

Jim returned about then that evening and we went to his house. I spent the night after talking past tht about his work in Kediri. I met his two lovely children, Cliff and Julie.

Next day we spent some time with hospital personnel, visiting patients with Jim's Indonesian Christian co-workers. One was his own pastor (our missionaries serve under national pastors in their church) and a young woman who is one of Jim's assistants who witnesses to the women patients. If a decision is made or they seem interested, follow up is done by Jim in their own vil-

The doctors and nurses also witness to the patient as they have opportunity. The hospital has 135 beds, but 100 to 150 out patients are seen every day in the clinics. Miss Ruth Vandenberg is in charge of anesthesia and has trained several nationals to do much of the work.

The surgeon is Dr. Oliver Harper. About twenty-five major operations are done each week. Dr. Applewhite, now in Jackson on furlough, served at Kediri before going to Sumatra where he has been waiting for nearly two years for Indonesian government permission to open our new fifty bed Baptist Hospital. The area is strongly Muslim and political pressure has kept the much needed facility closed. Your prayers are asked that God will perform much needed miracle and get the officials to permit the opening.

Also at Kediri hospital on the medical staff is Dr. Gene Ruble internal medicine Dr. Mildred Jones, who was first to go to Kediri, was not at the hospital while I was there, but I did meet her and talked with her about the hospital in Sumatra.

Mission personnel live in comfortable, three bedroom homes with bath (not shiny tubs like ours, but a tub made of cementlike material.) They have a shower and commode and lavatory like the ones here. Some have hot water in the bath rooms. All have to boil water for twenty minutes to rinse dishes or drink. The hospital has several wells and storage tanks, but water still is unsafe. The homes are on the hospital compound and many have some furniture from their homes the States. Missionary personnel are told to bring as much from home as possible to make the kids feel more at home. Missionaries are allowed 750 cubic feet of space to be shipped to the field and paid for by the Foreign Mission Board. Over that they pay for themselv-

We visited several pastors and church meeting sites and went into the homes of many of the church members — where were served something to drink. We had juice, canned soda pop, hot tea, hot chocolate (in the tropics), you name it.

The people of Java are hospitable, friendly, delightful people who are always smiling, always laughing. Regretfully, only about twenty per cent of the population can read. A few employees of the hospital can speak some English.

The visits extended into the night — no street light, no electricity in the villages, but an affluent family might have a coleman type lamp.

I interviewed many of the new Christians, many workers in the churches and gained much in knowledge and understanding of what it was all about on this mission field.

Rev. Ken Milam, missionary evangelist at Surabaja, came to the hospital to bring his teenage daughter for a phyhical so she could enter the American school in Djakarta. On my final day at Kediri I rode back to Surabaji with Ken and his daughter. They saw me safely ticketed to Djak-

Next day I took a plane to Kalimantan to visit CNEC work but I did not make connection with my contact, and was forced to take the same plane back, since there is only one plane a day to the island.

I was fortunate in getting a plane to Singapore with only a few hours delay. There I had to stay until Wednesday before getting a Pan Am, twenty - two hour, flight to San Francisco. In Singapore I felt like a "sinner" living in an air-conditioned hotel, clean, attractive, nice bath, hot water, clean tap water to drink with a filled thermos of ice water. Littlen things we don't think about take on a new meaning when we don't have them. Would we appreciate more our churches, our Bible classes, Bibles, Christian literature if we had to do without them a while?

Now what did I find out? Missionaries are people, just like us. Their children are much the same as ours. They have their problems, they joys, their frustrations. Not once did I hear a complaint about some of the things that are different where they are working. They showed a spirit of love for those they are working with, both nationals and other missionary personnel. Everyone I asked said they would continue or return to the mission field in Indonesia.

The mission field personnel are dedicated and stay busy telling about Jesus and winning souls.

Southern Baptists have been in Indonesia about twenty years. We have about 118 missionary personnel, but only about 12,000 Baptists. With 130,000,000 souls, our progress is so slow!

As Rev. Peter Lord said, "We Baptists are always counting 'nickels and noses' as our guideline of success. God may have other standards of measurement."

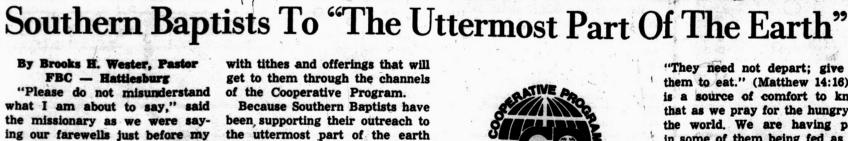
The fact remains that millions in this great country of Indonesia need Jesus as their Saviour. just as in India and Russia and China and hundreds of other places in the world. How can they hear unless we send work ers? Mission training takes time -college, seminary, language school — a lot of years and a lot of money. We cannot train the need professional mission people. We do not have the money, the facilities or the people to serve.

What is the answer? I believe under God, we can do as the Brotherhood Commission has suggested, use lay people - n o t the easy, perfect solution, but one way that may bring forth much fruit. I am not against the career, seminary trained missionary.

It will take total dedication on the part of thousands to prayer and study of a solution to the "too few for so many" problem.

In the twenty years in Indonesia approximately forty million in that country have died without a knowledge of Jesus Christ as Saviour. What about the next twenty years? Can 118 missionaries do the job that must be done?

As Dr. Jaroy Weber, SBC president said, "We can no longer wait for a specialized task force of professional missionaries to win the world to Christ. Some practical plan must be adopted and propagated — to involve lay persons in our direct mission



The Cooperative Program Supports The Outreach Of

By Brooks H. Wester, Pastor FBC — Hattiesburg

"Please do not misunderstand what I am about to say," said the missionary as we were saying our farewells just before my boarding the aircraft that would return me to the United States, "we can never thank you enough for coming to help in our churches during the Crusade. But, the greatest hope and help we receive is the regular support we get from the Cooperative Program. Now you know," he continued, we have been meeting in buildings made possible by the funds received by the churches for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for Foreign Missions, and we greatly appreciate what those funds are doing, but, the ministries carried on in those buildings are made possible by the Cooperative Program funds received through the entire year."

That which was said to me that day by one of our committed missionaries has been repeated by many others of his noble band. The letters I am receiving from missionaries are all urging support for the special offering at Christmas, but, they all plead for the regular support of our church with tithes and offerings that will get to them through the channels of the Cooperative Program.

been supporting their outreach to the uttermost part of the earth with funds given through the churches of the Convention, that outreach is to eighty three countries in our world. Cooperative Program funds make possible the sending of more than 2,500 missionaries who are working in the eighty three countries. Those dedicated men and women are teaching people the truths of God in Christ. They are baptizing believers just as Jesus commanded, "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Last year our missionaries had a part in baptizing more than fifty thousand people who were won to faith in our Lord and who followed Him in baptism, Each of us had a part in those experiences because the missionary could not have been there without our fi-

nancial support. Last year - medical missionaries supported by Southern Baptists ministered to thousands of people with all manner of diseases. Many of those sick ones would have never seen a Doctor or nurse had not Southern Baptists made it possible. I like to think that I had a part in the healing ministry of our medical teams as I placed my tithes and offerings in my church each week. A part of those gifts goes to the Cooperative Program because the budget of my church magnifies the world outreach of our missionary ministry.

We should all be well aware of the physical hunger of many people on our planet earth. We should also be aware that our missionaries, representing Christ and us, are doing much for many of the hungry ones where they are working. The food they are able to provide is being bought with funds from special relief offerings in our churches, and through Cooperative Program gifts. Southern Baptists have heard Jesus say, His work in the earth.

"They need not depart; give ye them to eat." (Matthew 14:16) It is a source of comfort to know that as we pray for the hungry of the world. We are having part in some of them being fed as we place our gifts in the offering plates of our church every week. The Cooperative Program be-

comes a vehicle through which I can reach out to touch the people of the world for Christ, I can have part in teaching, preaching, baptizing, healing, and feeding people through the ministries of missionaries who are in eighty three countries because my tithes and offerings, joined with the gifts of thousands of other faithful stewards of God's material blessings,

support them in their work. Allow me to urge you to make three check ups related to your stewardship. First, make a check on your own faithfulness as to your tithes and offerings. Second, make a check on what your church is doing for world missions through the Cooperative Program. Third, make a special check for your church that will express your thanks to God for the blessings He has given you that enables you to share in

First, Union Dedicates New Sanctuary

On November 2, members of First Church, Union celebrated the dedication of a new sanctuary. The completion of the building culminates a three phase building program begun in 1967, and costing in excess of \$750,000. A new pastorium was completed in the building program, as well as a new fellowship - educational building, and the sanctuary. With the new facilities, church property value has risen to over one million dollars.

Dr. Joe Odle, Baptist Record editor, delivered the dedication address. Rev. Douglas White, pastor, led in the pledge and prayer of dedication after Cecil

Barnett, General Building Com- robing rooms. mittee Chairman, had recognized the sub-committee chairmen, ar chitect, and building contractors. Charles P. McMullan, of Jackson, was the architect.

The 12,000 square foot complex includes seating for over 600 people. In addition to the sanctuary, a new church office suite was built on the ground floor. Included in this area are offices for the pastor, minister of music, and church secretaries. Also on the ground floor, a new church library was completed. The music suite occupies the second floor, with a large rehearsal room, music library room, and spacious

The center of attention inside the sanctuary is the beautiful faceted stained glass which comprises most of the front of the building. Built at a cost of \$6,900, the stained glass was designed especially for the church by the in-ternationally renowned designer Cecil Lang Casebier of San Antonio, Tex. The picture depicts a large crown of thorns and drops of blood, centered between vertical flowing colors representing the tearing apart of the veil of the temple.

Daniel Memorial Resolution Opposes

Pastor Byron Malone and the deacons of Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, have passed a resolution expressing opposition to the statement of the Christian Life Commission, SBC, regarding hand gun control. The statement of the Commission made a strong appeal for gun control and urged people and vice-president of the U.S., and other key leaders in the House and Senate, requesting active support for passage of strong hand gun legislation.

The Daniel men said it was



Left to right: Dr. Joe Odle, dedication speaker; Cecil, Barnett, general building chairman; Ralph Geady, deacon chairman; Rev. Douglas White, pastor; and Ancle Cleveland, construction committee

Missionaries On Furlough

Mississippi missionaries now on furlough, with their addresses, are as follows:

Betty Hart, Chile, Sandy Hook, MS 39478; Jerry and Elaine Perrill, Indonesia, 3310 Springwood Place, Dallas; Jerry and Bobbye Rankin, Indonesia, 208 East Main, Clinton, 39056; Winfield and Laverne Applewhite, Indonesia, 715 East Northside Dr., Jackson, 39206; Donald and Anne Phlegar, Thailand, 1625 Easy St., Yazoo City, 39194; Emogene Harris, Nigeria, Route 2, Box 281, Bran-

don 39042; Dorothy Latham, Bra-

zil, Box 16, Forkville 39076; Hal and Lou Ann Lee, France, 5111 Orchard Rd., Pascagoula 39562; Thomas and Marilyn Nabors, Gaza, 494 N. Highland, Mem phis, Tn. 38122; James and Zelma Foster, Philippines, 323 Cherokee Drive, Twin Lake, Walls 38680; Guy and Lois Henderson, Philippines, 2334 Coronet Place. Jackson 39204.

Others arriving in November and December include Georgia Mae Ogburn, Chile; Margaret Fairburn, Liberia; and Charles and Sandy Long, Belgium.

Hand Gun Control

to write letters to the president

Daniel Memorial's resolution noted that the pastor and deacons had "given much thought to the situation of hand gun regulatory control and had noted that in states which have passed rigid g un controls, crimes have continued to increase where hand guns were involved."

their opinion that strict gun c o ntrol legislation would "seriously endanger the safety and security of the law abiding members of our society by depriving them of ownership and use of guns for their protection, while the unlawful and criminal elements and those whose aims are the destruction of our society and our way of life would have access to the ownership and uncontrolled use of guns through underground, illicit and black market sources. . . . We contend that when rigid laws are enacted which will disarm our law abiding and respectable citizens. hand guns will continue to remain in the hands of hoodlums and criminals throughout the United States."

"Mississippi Baptist Youth-God's Instrument For America"

Mississippi Baptist Youth Night

Featuring Rita Wood Jackson's Junior Miss 6:50 P.M. - Dec. 29, 1975

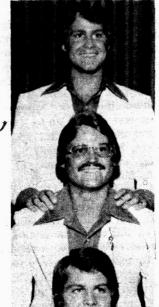
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Dr. James Pleitz, Speaker

Chuck Endsley, **Organist**

Steve Roddy, **Pianist**



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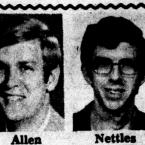
Raymer,

Director

A State-Wide Meeting With A World-Wide Impact

Names In The News

Rev. Harold A. Shirley, pastor of Ardmore Church, Winston-Salem, N. C., formerly pastor in Mississippi, was chosen by the World Evangelism Foundation in Dallas, Texas, to lead an evangelistic team to Nyrup, Denmark, the week of October 19-26. The team worked under the direction of Dr. Baungaard Thomsen, pastor of the Nyrup Baptist Church and president of the European Baptist Federation. Each morning the team was in the Nyrup church for Bible study and testimony; in the afternoons they visited various communities to share the faith; and in the evenings they preached in evangelistic services at five preaching points: Nyrup, Ugerlose, Skee, Naestved, and Ringsted.



Rev. Bobby Glen Mills, has been licensed to the gospel

ministry by Big Creek Church

or through his pastor, Rev.

Franklin McLelland. He is

married to the former Robbie

Louise Phillips of Richton and

they are the parents of three

children: Danny, 13; Duane,

10; Dena, 6. He and his wife

hold B.S. degrees from the

University of Southern Missis-

sippi in elementary education

and have taught in Mississippi

Mrs. Andrew Jackson Glase

Sr., mother of A. Jackson

Glaze Jr., missionary to Ar-

gentina, died Nov. 6. Mission-

ary Glaze, currently in the

States on furlough, may be.

addressed at 2825 Lexington

Rd., Louisville, Ky .40208. He

was born in D'Lo, Miss., and

grew up in Pelahatchie, Miss.

Dr. and Mrs. John McNair,

missionaries to India from

Mississippi, have a new ad-

dress in Vellore. It is Chris-

tian Medical Center, Dept.

of Anatomy, Vellore 4, South

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Foster, missionaries to the

Philippines, have arrived in

the States for furlough (address: 323 Cherokee Drive,

Twin Lake, Walls, Miss.

Miss Dann Stampley, mis-

sionary to Ghana, has com-

pleted furlough and returned

to the field (address: P. O.

Box 1933, Kumasi, Ghana).

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India 630002, Tamil Nadu.

Public Schools.

(Wayne). Mr. Mills is prepared to

pastor full-

time or is

available for

pulpit supply.

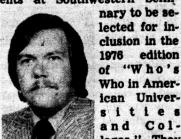
He can be

contacted at

Route 3,

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Three students from Missississippi were among 37 students at Southwestern Semi-



ican Universities and Colleges." They are Jerry Y.

Allen of Cleveland, Tom J. Nettles of Brandon, and Donald C. Solomon of Vicksburg.

Forest Avenue Church, Biloxi, has called Richard A. "Ricky" Hamm as its first paid minister of music. Ricky is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin E. Hamm, Gulfport, and is a sophomore at USM, Hattiesburg, Rev. Jim Haynes is



Three young preachers have been licensed recently by Oakland Church, Corinth (Alcorn). They are pictured with the Oakland pastor. Left to rght: Ronalid Meeks, Chris Burrows, Rev. Tommy Vinson, and Danny Wilson.

Two students who will be the first to receive the master of education in art degree from Mississippi College will be featured in a special art exhibit which will open on Sunday, Dec. 7, with a reception from 2 to 5 p.m. in Aven-Hall. Miss Mary Jane . Whitfield of Florence and Michael Hataway of Jackson, both of whom will complete their requirements for the graduate degree in December, will exhibit their works in the Aven Galleries as part of their work for the degree. The

The Department of Speech and Drama at Blue Mountain College presented Denise Davis in her senior speech recital on December 1, at 8 p.m.



CAREY'S HONOR GUESTS at Founders Day and Bicentennial celebration on Nov. 4, were two Hattiesburg citizens connected with the school's very earliest days as South Mississippi College in 1906-8. Center seated are Professor H. P. Todd, vice president of the early school, and Mrs. J. B. Salmond, daughter of Profesor W. I. Thames, first president. The current academic vice president, Dr. J. M. Ernest, far left, and President J. Ralph Noonkester, chat above with the special guests.

Japan Lends Missionary To Thailand

During the summer of 1975 I served as music missionary to the Baptist churches in Bangkok, Thailand. This is not unusual in itself. However, the fact that we also are and have been mssionaries to Japan since 1969 is unusual. The request was made by the Thailand Baptist Mission to the Japan Mission for my loan

for the purpose of holding music clinics in Thai Baptist churches. The Japan Mission approved my loan and the Thai Mission budgeted expenses. I brought family at personal expense.

Six churches participated each in one week clinics that were attended by an average of 25-30 persons each night. The thrust of the clinics was the training of the congregations in basic theory, singing hymn singing techniques and conducting. The worship leaders of each church were trained as congregational song leaders and encouraged to follow - up as the need dictated with develop ment of choirs. In some cases, non-participating churches sent their leaders to the clinics.

Afraid You're Going Deaf?

Chicago, Ill.—A free offer of special interest to those who hear but do not understand words has been announced by Beltone. A non-operating model of the smallest Beltone aid ever made will be given absolutely free to anyone requesting it. Send for this non-operating

model to see how tiny hearing help can be. It's yours to keep, free. The actual aid weighs less than a third of an ounce, and it's all at ear level, in one unit. No wires lead from body to head.

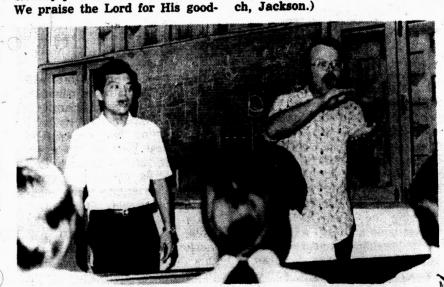
These models are free, so write for yours now. Thousands have already been mailed, so write today to Dept. 4136, Beltone Electronics Corp., 4201 W. Victoria St., Chicago, Illinois 60646.

Two interesting sidelights to the clinics were that in one church a former South Vietnamese and three Cambodian soldiers staying in the church held there. In a meeting with rural lay leaders we listened with tears in our eves as these unschooled men sang song and hymns of their own

creation. Some were cured lepers. Over and above the immediate results was the fact that our family had been given the privilege of coming to know in greater depth than would have been otherwise possible the needs and missionary personnel in another field.

ness in giving us this opportunity. Please pray for us during furlough in Summit, Miss. from Jan. '76 through July. Our address will be c-o Mrs. Bonnie Ball, Summit, Miss. 39666.

(Note: Mr. Simoneaux, native of New Orleans, graduated from Mississippi College, 1965, and New Orleans Seminary, with a Bachelor of Music Education and E.DD in church music education from the latter. His wife is a native of Summit. While in college, he served as minister of music and youth at Morrison Heights, Clinton, and at Crestwood Church, Jackson.)



Mike Simoneaux, missionary to Japan, conducts a music clinic Thailand. At left is his translator.



Mike Simoneaux and his wife, Bonnie Jean, son Steve, 12, and daughter Susie, 11, missionaries to Japan, will be returning to Mississippi in January for six months' furlough. They spent the summer in Thailand on loan to the Thai Baptist Mission.

By Wm. J. Fallis Matthew 1:1-17; 4:23-25; 9:9-13

Nothing is more important for the growth of Christians than enriching their understanding of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. With this lesson



we begin a twenty - week study of the Gospel Matthew. It will conclude on Easter Sunday focusing on the resurrection of Christ. In

tween we will be examining some of the distinctive features of Matthew's Gospel, seeing its relationship with the Old Testament, and reviewing the events in the life of Christ. In what way are the Gospels more than just biographies of Jesus? What is the major theme of Matthew? What does this Gospel tell us about Jesus that is different from the others?

The Lesson Explained MATTHEW, AN UNUSUAL DISCIPLE (9:9-13)

A harmony of the Gospels shows

A Woman's World Reaches Far

Beyond the

Ironing Board

When James returns from his

very occasional jaunts across an

ocean, he brings me a piece of

jewelry - none of its outrageous-

ly extravagant or lavish, but very

lovely, not unusually costly, but

nice. I have an emerald ring

brought from the man in Colom-

bia who cut and polished the em-

erald, made the mounting and set

the ring. From Jerusalem James

first brought me a pendant and

a ring, both set with garnets. A

second trip there he added a pen-

dant and a ring made of alexan-

drites. A pearl necklace came

jewelry added other nice pieces to

my store, and wearing them has

But now James is a bit upset

with me, and is about to be an

Indian giver concerning the last

We had our silver wedding an-

niversary last June. James had

said for some time he was really

going to surprise me with the gift,

and he did. He gave me some

thing I had told him I had no de-

sire for and never wanted him

to buy for me. It proved to be one

of those times he knew me better

than I know myself. When I

opened the gift, it was a diamond

ring for my right hand. Not out-

rageously expensive, but ex-

quisitely lovely. Since then I have

not wanted to wear any other

ring on my right hand. James

keeps saying it is a shame that

I don't enjoy the other jewelry

since I wear this one all the time.

found him a sermon and me a col-

umn in this experience — the 'ex-

pulsive power of things of great-

er value, whether the value be

monetary, social, physical, or

spiritual. There seems to be only

so much room in each heart and

life, and the things the individual

places the most value on inevit-

ably displace what he values less.

tion vital, doesn't it? If life some-

times changes, for better, or for

worse, it may be that our sense of

values has changed, and we need

to see what has displaced what,

Next week I'll write about some

expulsive powers I've known

or who has displaced whom.

about. See you then.

That makes the proper evalua-

But, you know what? We have

piece of jewelry he gave me.

been a variety of joy.

Friends aware of my love for

from Japan.

this passage lined up beside the same incident as told in Mark 2: 13-17 and Luke 5:27-32. Neither of them refers to Matthew but calls him Levi, but the story is the same. Of course the Gospel never mentions its author, but a very early tradition (about A. D. 150) assigned it to Matthew.

As Jesus was walking in Capernaum, he saw the tax collector sitting at his counter, and he invited Matthew to be his follower. To get and hold the tax job, Matthew had to get along with the Romans. Both that skill and his office gave Matthew a bad reputation among the Pharisees. He was considered ritually unclean and probably an extortioner. We can assume that he had a fair amount of wealth and was both envied and hated for it.

Although Matthew is not clear on the point, Luke indicates that the tax collector invited Jesus to a dinner at his home. The Pharisees who were watching asked the disciples why Jesus had table fellowship with people who were despised. Jesus' answer was both

judgment on the bigots. EMPHASIS: JESUS WAS MESSIAH (1:1, 17)

These two verses open and close the genealogy (better word than "generation") of Jesus. They are intended to make it very clear that Jesus is the Messiah (Christ) in the line of David fulfilling God's covenant with Abraham and David. The Old Testament and other writings had quickened the people's hope for a deliverer sent from God. Some had falsely claimed that role, but Matthew says that Jesus is the one. As Matthew wrote to his Gentile and Jewish Christian readers, he stressed the fact that Jesus was a Jew, and he was the fulfillment of Jewish hope that would affect the whole world. By quoting from the Old Testament more than sixty times, Matthew relates the person and message of Jesus more closely to Judaism than to the other Gospel writers. THEME: KINGDOM OF

HEAVEN (4:23-25)

This is a brief introductory sum-

being shown. Yet Jesus responded

by referring to his miracles on

the lame, leprous, deaf and blind.

John knew Isaiah 35:5-6, where

these miracles were foretold. Je-

sus told him that the poor were

having the good news of the gos-

pel preached to them, as pro-

not be offended in me." Jesus

said in this beatitude that "happy

are those who do not stumble ov-

er the fact that his ministry is

that of a servant rather than an

John was a man of courage,

dedication and sincerity. He

stood at the turning point of the

ages. In this position there is no

Jesus was so identified with peo-

People criticized and rejected

Jesus and John. They said John

had a demon and Jesus was a fri-

end of publicans and sinners. But

even the apostles stumbled over

the role Jesus declared to be his

The reaction to the Kingdom

wasq very mixed. The King-

dom was being attacked by men

of violence, such as John being

put in prison. On the other hand,

men of violence were trying to

serve their own purposes. The

"men of violence" would be

the zealots and all activists who

thought of the Kingdom of God

in political terms and the role

of the Messiah as including the

defeat of Roman rule through mil-

itary force. Jesus positively and

Jesus likened his generation to

disagreeable and faultfinding chil-

dren. Usually this analogy is un-

derstood to refer to children who

find fault with any game propos-

ed. They do not want to play wed-

ding or funeral. The disagree -

able children are the ones who are

sitting. While some refuse to

dance or mourn, those who pipe

repeatedly rejected this role.

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take the Kingdom and make

ple, that people called him a wine

drinker and a glutton. His mes-

sage was peace and love.

"Blessed is he, whosoever shall

phesied in Isaiah 61:1-3.

outward' conqueror.'"

sign of weakness.

mary of Jesus' ministry. He had Thursday, December 4, 1975 just enlisted his first disciples (3:18-22) and traveled through Galilee. Wherever he went he taught in synagogues, "preaching the Good News of the Kingdom' (TEV). His fame as a teacher was greatly enhanced by his power over sickness, both of the body and of the mind. Jesus became well known from Syria to Jerusalem and on both sides of the Jordan. Everywhere he was declaring that the reign of God was at hand. It was good news of forgiveness and divine understand ing; it was the opposite to Pharisaic legalism. As we study the Gospel of Matthew, we will see this as the controlling theme.

and wail blame them for spoiling the game.

John was criticized for being too stern and ascetic. Jesus was criticized for eating and drinking.

Jesus condemned the cities such as Chorazin, Bethsaida and Capernaum, where people would not repent and believe even though He had done many mighty works in those places. The severity of judgment is determined by the extent of privilege. The greater the privilege, the greater is the responsibility.

The moral response of repentance, not merely curiosity seeking after the temporal gains is the proper reaction to the mira cles of Jesus. Capernaum was a residence for Jesus for a while. Bethsaida was associated with Philip, Andrew and Peter. These cities made some response to Jesus, but no comparable to their privilege.

more guilty in the judgment than Sodom because opportunities for hearing the gospel were so great. Those persons who hear and reject, see and reject, know and reject, will suffer in judgment because of their willful rejection.

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tion of a new education building. The building will have Sunday School rooms, pastor's study, fellowship hall, kitchen, and restrooms. There will also be some renovating done to the existing buildings. Pictured is the building committee with the congregation in the background. Rev. Ken Marler, center front, is pastor. ing spirit of the Lord." It is overcoming of far, anxiety, uncertainty, and meaninglessness in the joy and peace of God's very pres-

ence in Christ. It is the security

of one who knows the forgiveness

of sins and acceptance into the

family of God. He also offered a

yoke, "Take my yoke upon you,

and learn of me." Salvation is a

gift and a demand. God gives all

and demands all. The gentle and

lowly Master places his yoke whi-

ch is kind and good upon our neck,

and because he pulls on the other-

It is child-like trust that opens

the heart for the revelation of

Jesus Christ to come into our liv-

es. The humble and the receptive

are the ones who understand who

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Knowledge of the Father is possible to those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. God comes to man; man does not make his way to God. Knowing God as Father is the ultimate goal of revelation and redemption.

Jesus' gracious invitation is to all who labor and are heavy-laden. Salvation does not exclude any one. "Come unto me all who are weary and heavy-laden and I will give you rest." The rest is not escape from work but the "refresh-

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Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Rejection Or Trust?

By Bill Duncan

Matthew 11: 1 - 30 What would happen if the pulpit committee would present Jesus of Nazareth for consideration as pastor of your church? Think about his style of life and ministry. Do you think people could be neutral about him? The response of the people to Jesus would reflect a great deal about themselves. You either like him or your dislike him.

The basic passage of our study in this lesson (Matthew 11) shows us at least five responses to Jesus: John's cautious approach (vv 2-11); efforts to force the Kingdom to serve man's goals (vv 12-15); childish displeasure with all options (vv 16 - 19); flagrant disregard or rejection of the gospel (vv 20-24); and childlike trust (vv 25-30). When Jesus began to proclaim his kingdom to the peode, he met doubt, suspicion, criticism, unbelief, blasphemy, and rejection. But there were some who believed.

John the Baptist doubted. The John who saw the Spirit like a dove descend out of heaven, this same John who proclaimed. "Behold the Lamb of God!" John was in prison for preaching the truth of God. In the state of uncertainty, he sent word to Jesus asking, "Art thou he that should come?" Of course John was despondent, discouraged, despairing. Perhaps he wondered why God did not intervene to set him free.

There are many possible reasons that John expressed uncer tainty in his question. (1) Some think that John asked the ques tion for the sake of his disciples, to encourage them to give their lives to him. (2) The uestion of uncertainty may have been to express the impatience with Jesus because Jesus was not doing what he expected him to do. (3) The honest reason may have been that John's faith was growing weak.

The answer to uncertainty given by Jesus was not theological argumental. He simply responded by "Go back, and don't tell John what I am saying; tell him what I am doing. Don't tell John what I am claiming, tell him what is happening."

John's uncertainty about Jesus grew out of the kind of ministry Jesus was pursuing. He had expected great acts of judgment and matic signs of victory were not

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Foreign Mission

Bethel To Add Education Building

Bethel Church, Monticello, broke ground on Nov. 16, for construc-

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ALMOSTA MILLION DOLLARS A WEEK --FOR WHAT?

The 1976 Foreign Mission Board budget will be almost \$1 million a week (\$51,036,000). Southern Baptists need to know how this large amount is spent since they are the ones who give this money primarily through Cooperative Program gifts and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

More than half the budget goes for the support of missionaries overseas. This includes salaries, housing, medical expenses, education of children,

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11 percent of the total budget. Three other items requiring more than a mil-

lion dollars are schools (\$3.3 million), publication work (\$1.1 million) and medical work (\$1.5 million). The 1976 budget shows an increase of about

12 percent over 1975, an increase which barely keeps up with worldwide inflation.

Almost ninety percent of the foreign missions dollar is still used for overseas expenses, leaving about ten percent for stateside promotion and administrative costs.

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and a Baptist women's retreat were held recently.

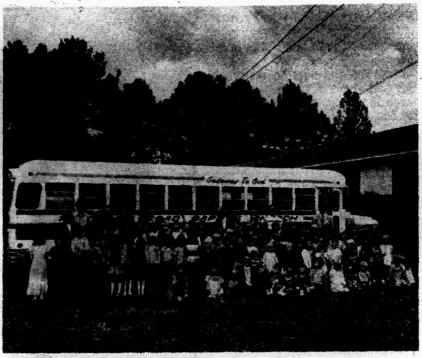




Just For The Record



Immanuel, Natchez Burns Sanctuary Note
Immanuel Church of Natchez celebrated a milestone in its history
with a burning of the note on its sanctuary building
Nov. 9. Pictured here left to right: Pastor Billy R. Thomas; charter
member—Mrs. Henry Mayers, and finance chairman—Bob Wilborn.



Raymond Road Doubles Last Year's Average
November 2 was an exciting day at Raymond Road Church in
Jackson with the Sunday School reaching an all time high in attendance. Double Day was the theme and the pastor challenged
every Sunday School class to double its average attendance of last
year which set the goal at 308. The attendance reached 330. Mike
Wells, the bus director, reports that the church's two buses brought
in 136 riders, triple the average of last year. The offering for the
day also doubled the average weekly income. Three persons were
received into the membership. Rev. Robert McDonald is the pastor.

Bellevue To Mark 23rd Birthday

Bellevue (Lamar) will observe its 23rd anniversary with homecoming day on Sunday, December 7. There will be morning and afternoon services, and lunch at the church. Rev. James L. Yates is pastor.

Mississippi Churches Earn Library Recognition

Seven churches in Mississippi have been cited by the church library department of the Baptist Sunday School Board for their work during the past year using the Church Library Achievement Guide.

The three levels of recognition include Merit, Advanced and Distinguished. During 1974-75, the department has granted 109 Merit recognitions, 237 Advanced recognitions, and 131 Distinguished recognitions.

Mississippi Baptist churches receiving Merit recognition a re Mesa, Hazlehurst; and Main Street, Hattiesburg. Churches earning Advanced recognition include Gillsburg, Osyka; First, Rosedale; First, Hazlehurst; and Immanuel, Cleveland. First of Coldwater was granted Distinguished recognition.

Revival Dates

Trinity, Pearl (Bankin): December 7-10; Rev. J. T. Pannell, pastor of Meadow Grove Church, Brandon, evangelist; Jimmy Mc-Eachern, minister of music at Trinity, singer; Rev. Vance H. Dyess, pastor; services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Mon.-Wed. at 7:30 p.m.

First, Orange Grove: December 7-12; services 7 p.m. Sun-Fri.; Dr. Allen Webb, pastor of Ingalls Avenue Church, Pascagoula, evangelist; Randy Worley, Four Mile Creek, Pascagoula, singer; Rev. H. L. Davis, pastor.

Carterville Church, Petal: December 8-14; Strength - for - Liv-





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Greenville Men Preaching In The Philippines

At the request of missionaries in the Philippines, the Davao Baptist Association, and the Foreign Mission Board, Emmanuel Church of Greenville is participating in an evangelistic crusade in the Philippines during the first two weeks of December. Two members of Emmanuel, Pastor Hugh A. Martin and Chairman of Deacons Lawrence C. Bryant, joined 17 other preachers and two other laymen to make up the team for this crusade.

According to Dr. Gene Williams, the evangelist - coordinator for this crusade, the team arrived in Davao City on November 28, where they were in orientation familiarizing themselves with the experience of speaking through interpreters. Beginning December 1, revival services are being conducted in every church in the area, as well as in remote areas among Filipino tribes, with this effort to end on December 14. The team will then tour Southern Baptist mission work in Hong Kong and Tokyo before returning to Greenville on December 20.

Friends from other churches are encouraged to unite with the membership of Emmanuel in praying and supporting this special effort of preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ.

MANTA, Ecuador — The sixth annual Ecuadorian Baptist Youth Congress met here recently with over 100 young people participating.

ing Crusade; Ed and Bette Stalnecker, evangelists, bringing to
the church a new type of contemporary evangelism. (The crusade
team consists of the Stalneckers,
their son Chip, instrumentalists Joe and Shirley Nichols, and
Rick and Lynn Stalnecker who are
in charge of youth ministries. The
Stalneckers have recorded more
than 20 albums and have performed in 12 different countries.) Rev.
Leland M. Hogan, pastor.



Religious Education Tours

Religious education students from four Mississippi Baptist colleges were in Jackson recently for a tour of the Baptist Building. In the photo above is the group from Mississippi College. Dr. Phil McCarty, sitting second from left, is professor of religious education at Mississippi College and in charge of in-service guidance there. Dr. Foy Rogers, director of the Cooperative Missions Department for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, is seated at left; and seated second from left is Therman Bryant, consultant in the Cooperative Missions Department and state director of in-service guidance.



The religious education group from William Carey College is shown above. Dr. Joel Ray, seated at right, is the professor of religious education and director of in-service guidance. Therman Bryant is seated at left.



The religious education students from Blue Mountain College are shown above with their professor, Dr. James Travis, seated fourth from left. Others seated left to right are Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Therman Bryant; and Dr. Foy Rogers.



Students from Clarke College are shown above. The professor, Dr. Charles Melton, is seated third from left. Others from left are Dr. Earl Kelly, Therman Bryant, and Dr. Foy Rogers.



Calvary, Coffeeville, Dedicates Building
Calvary Church, Coffeeville, recently dedicated a new education
addition to their building. Pictured are some of those present for
the special service, including Rev. James Calder, pastor, and Rev.
Finley Evans, superintendent of missions for Grenada and Yalobusha Counties.



Cumberland (Webster) Burns Note
Cumberland (Webster) burned a note on November 9, symbolizing
retirement of debt on their \$32,000 church building constructed in 1968.
Final payment was made September 27, 1975. Pictured, front row,
1 to r, Ocie Shaffer, senior deacon, and Rev. A. V. Bailey, former
pastor. Second row, 1 to r: Dr. James Palmer, former pastor; Robert
Fisher, Rev. Wayne Sanders, present pastor; John Roberson, Rev.
James E. Drane, Webster director of missions; and Tommy Cummings. (Fisher, Cummings, and Roberson were on the building
committee.)



Pinecrest Breaks Ground

Pinecrest Church, Star, broke ground on November 9 for a new church. The \$18,000 building will seat 300. In the photo at left are the pastor, Rev. Tom Jackson, and Building Committee, J. W. Benefield, Dr. Mike Ayres, Ted Rayner, and Doyle Eldridge. At right are members of the church who were present.

Devotional

Listening Posts And Transmitters

By Joe Abrams, Clinton

Go thou near, and hear all that the Lord our God shall say: and speak thou unto us all that the Lord our God shall speak unto thee; and we will hear it, and do it (Deut. 5:27).

The appeal which the Israelites made to Moses showed their need of guidance which they could not receive for themselves. They did not have the "wave-length" to catch his voice. Moses did have this "wave-length" whereby he could receive God's

message and transmit it to them. The result was the giving of the Ten Commandments.

This same procedure has been used many times since. Many have served as a listening post and then as a transmitter. Sometimes our receivers may be a bit faulty but there was One, born 2,000 years ago, whose reception was perfect. God sent His Son into the world that He might receive and trasmit God's message. That is why we turn to Jesus, the perfect Mediator.

But the truth behind this is of concern to all Christians because we are all supposed to be listening posts and transmitters of His message. And we will be if we are living close to Him. God has something to say to each one which he should transmit. Each one has an experience which is his own.

When Ezekiel was entering on his work among the captives in Babylon he went down among them, and "sat where they sat." It was not just that he might listen to them, but that he might hear God's message and transmit it. There is no place in life that could not be a listening post and a transmitting station. There may be some things God wants to say to one or another around us. Perhaps He is waiting to say them through us.

The church is also God's receiving and transmitting station. That is why Christ brought it into being.

We believe that our world today is desperately in need of the message of God. But how is it to get through if not by means of us?

That means that we must keep our spirits in tune as well as our personal obedience. No word of God can get through us, however vocal we may be, unless it has first taken control of our lives and become alive in our own experiences. When Christ comes to dwell within us, the world will see His glory.



MC Gives "Service To Humanity" Awards

Mississippi College presented "Service to Humanity" Awards to three prominent individuals recently as part of its Sesquicentennial Anniversary. Dr. Lewis Nobles (left), president of the college, presented certificates and plaques to, from the left, Mrs. Ralph Hester, Sr., Jackson; Mrs. Bill Waller, Jackson; and Van Cliburn, internationally known pianist of Shreveport, La. The college is not only celebrating its 150th anniversary year, but also the 125th year under Baptist control. (M.C. Photo by Ronnie Killebrew)

Bahamian Pastor Retires After 48 Years

NASSAU, Bahamas — After 48 years as pastor of Transfiguration Baptist Church here, Charles H. Thompson has retired.

He and eight others founded the church in a log cabin in 1926. To-day there are 1,000 members and a concrete block building.
"Not all retiring pastors show

the humility of Rev. Thompson," cites Antonina Canzoneri, Southern Baptist missionary press representative. "At the retirement ceremony he was asked to say a few words. He went to Rev. Garnet King (pastor who succeeded him at Transfiguration Baptist Church), took his hand and kissed it. Then, he said, "This is my pastor"."

In addition to founding the church, Thompson was responsible for organizing Bethlehem Baptist Church and forming the Bahamas Baptist Association. He was moderator of the association until earlier this year when R. E. Cooper succeeded him.

According to Miss Canzoneri, Thompson will not tell his age; but his family estimates him to be 82 years old.



On Golden Gate Committee

Charles Carter (right), a Jackson attorney, talked with Bill G. Grubbs of Dallas, Tex. on the campus of Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif. The two laymen from the South were in California for a meeting of the seminary's Presidential Search Committee, a sub-committee of the trustees. The group has been assigned the task of finding a successor to current seminary president, Dr. Harold K. Graves, who retires in 1977.

Off The Record

It was the Sunday before Christmas. The wife was warmly dressed and waiting at the door. But the husband was frantically turning the pages of the telephone director.

"What are you looking for?" she asked.
"The address of the church",

he answered.

"It's still located in the same place where he went last Easter,"

A woman suing for divorce was seeking alimony on the grounds that while her husband was an inveterate gambler, she was an

"Some ideal!" snorted the defendant. "I hocked the kitchen stove to play a hot tip at the track — and she didn't miss it for

nine days." — Modern Maturity.

A traveler in England lost his way one night and found himself not only hopelessly lost, but without lodging. He stopped at the first establishment he came to: "St. George and the Dragon" the sign said.

Not only did the woman who answered the door tell him she had no room — she seemed to take it as a personal affront that he had even bothered her. She gave him a tongue-lashing to end all tongue-lashings and slammed the door.

In a few minutes the man was back again. And this time, as the door opened he timidly asked, "Could I please have a few words with St. George?" — Nuggets.

TRENTON, N. J. (RNS) - The National Council of Churches has filed a brief in a court case supporting a religious community's ban on vehicular traffic on Sundays. In the amicus curiae brief, filed with the New Jersey Supreme Court, the ecumenical organization supports the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association on religious liberty groups in its bid to retain a sabbath ban on vehicular traffic. The regulation was struck down last year by a lower court as "an unlawful established of religion."